

Minutes for ACCU Committee meeting

7th July 2019 via Hangouts

Meeting started at 2:30.

1. Attending

Felix Petriconi, Roger Orr, Ralpi Mcardell, Bob Schmidt, Rob Pauer, Guy Davidson, Patrick Martin

Apologies for absence

Phil Nash, Jim Hague, Russel Winder

2. Minutes from last meetings

The committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting (May 17th)

3. Actions in progress from previous meeting

Note: the Google Sheet for actions is here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RMTorasYR_A94VBjv-Dn6ghhTVWLbW0w1ekhN994qFI

Actions from previous meetings:

Action item	Action
119	Nigel: GDPR to create steps to take on breach and similarly procedure to handle takedown notices - Patrick to confirm all is done
122	Seb? Bob?: update the very old advertising card
129	Deal with at conference: Bob: ask Russel his opinion on turning off YouTube comments; asking authors if they are willing to provide a link that can be embedded with videos so that viewers can contact them. This might involve changing the speaker's form to include that information.
139	Matt to pass on the Meetup admin role to Phil to help the local groups
140	Phil to write up and pass round his suggestions for local group affiliations

Actions added by this meeting:

Action item	Action
141	Roger to contact Jim re: turning off YouTube comments

142	Bob to define a policy for Waivers to be awarded to co-opted committee members
143	All: suggestions to define some central storage solution for ACCU documents. etc. consider GDPR

4. Reports

4.1 Advertising

Re: 122 : Bob has taken over the advertising role

Bob notes that our advertising rates are quite high for the market

Also the media pack has some very out of date data

Our cost per mille compared to IEEE is 3-4 times

Note: A proposal to QBS has gone out for the new magazine deal and not been responded to as yet.

Bob will go through the media pack and suggest some lower rates, among other things.

Bob has sent the committee the media pack for review

4.2 Conference

Russell sent us an update, an extract pertaining to conference organisation follows, and some discussions concerning evolving the registration system are ongoing:

I am not directly involved in the ACCU Autumn 2019 conference in Belfast 2019-11-11, Jamie is the chair. As I understand things, the call for proposals is complete and reviewing is happening not using the ACCU web application. I believe reviewing will be complete by 2019-07-14 and the schedule constructed fairly soon after that. With the schedule sorted, I can get the data and create the necessary webpage for the ACCU conference site.

ACCU 2020 organisation is well under way, though now is holiday season so nothing proactive really happening in the last week and the next three weeks. We have two of the four keynotes signed up, with one invitation out. The theme for the social side has yet to be decided; it is a question of how to follow

*the Echoborg event, which whilst some people hated, most people thoroughly
Enjoyed.*

*From Felix - they are looking at 2 systems, both of which are or have finished setting up a demo
account. The intent is to evaluate versus the home-grown system with the October 2019
deadline.*

*Both of these are hosted by the system providers, both systems allow export of conference data
as a static page.*

4.3 Local Groups

No reporter: via email - Nothing yet on item 140

4.4 Membership

No reporter

4.5 Treasurer

*From Rob: no unusual expenditure - AYA settled up and banked; accounts paid and accounts signed off
and finalised.*

Re: Insurance - they have been contacted re: quotes and no response yet.

Re: New Deposit account - pending

4.6 Publicity

No reporter

4.7 Standards

From Guy: Guy has written a standards report which has gone to Steve Love

4.8 Website

From Jim:

*Owing to some personal hiatus, I haven't made any fresh progress on the new website. I will
aim to have some progress to report next time.*

*The only notable change with the current site is that I have removed the Google captcha from
the website sign up process after user protest and concern that use of it required a significant
update to our privacy policy. So far, touch wood, this has not lead to a significant uptick in bogus
website sign ups, so I have no plans to reinstate the captcha and we can evade Privacy Policy
captcha related update work.*

4.9 Social Media

Re: 137 Bob notes that YouTube comments are not disabled, and no response yet to the email raising the idea of contact links being supplied

Felix points out that big speakers will have some contact info in their slides or their personal sites/ social media handles hence simplest to defer the job to them

Bob pointed out that for contact requests sent to info@accu.org he simply forwards to the relevant speaker.

No social media updates recently from Bob.

4.10 Publications

Fran and Steve have moved house, and are back onto reviewing articles for Overload and C-Vu.

Daniel James stepped in as a stand-in editor, as well as doing the e-pubs for ACCU.

The committee is very happy to acknowledge his good work and thanks him for stepping up.

5. Any other business

5.1 Storage of ACCU data

From Bob: he notes ACCU does not have a central repository of information.

Considerable discussion on storage, retention policy, type of data, GDPR overlap and trust level in cloud hosted providers

Action 143 to the committee to make input on this issues

5.2 Book review prizes

From Rob: suggestion for passing on the list for contacting previous winners has been done.

6. Date of next meeting

The date of the next committee meeting will (provisionally) be 8th September @ 2:30, via Hangouts.